

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The applicants' attorneys appreciate the Examiner's thorough search and remarks.

Responsive to the objections set forth in paragraph 1 of the Office Action, claims 1, 26-28 and 30 have been corrected. Withdrawal of the objections is requested.

Claim 1 has been rejected as anticipated by Sera, U.S. Patent No. 6,559,913.

Reconsideration is requested.

Claim 1 has been amended and now calls for "only a single optical shielding layer serving as a black matrix body disposed between the insulating substrate and the active polysilicon layer." As set forth in the specification, the presence of a black matrix body above the active polysilicon TFT (as seen in Sera) is undesirable as it "reduces the aperture ratio." Specification at page 4, lines 16-18.

As is clear, Sera teaches using a black matrix body 12, and a light shielding film 3 in every example it shows. Thus, Sera does not anticipate a device according to claim 1 in which only a single layer is used to serve as an opaque optical shielding and a black matrix body disposed between the substrate and the active polysilicon layer. Furthermore, because Sera includes a black matrix body 12 in every example, Sera does not suggest eliminating the black matrix body 12 and adapting the device to only use the optical shielding layer to serve as a black matrix body. Thus, claim 1 should be deemed allowable over Sera. Reconsideration is, therefore, requested.

The remaining claims depend from claim 1. Each of these claims includes other limitations, which in combination with those of claim 1 are not shown or suggested by the art of record. Reconsideration is requested.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

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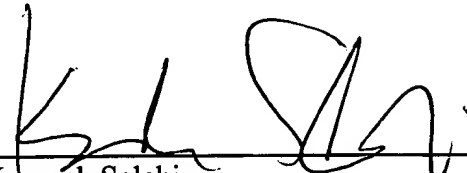
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